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ROZNOV

RADIO FACTORY

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1. The factory partly constructed and partly already in production is designated TESLA and is situated on the Western edge of the town on the Northern edge of the road ROZNOV/VALMEZERICI and about 200/300 metres West of the railway station.

2. The buildings stretch about 250 metres along the side of the road [REDACTED]

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3. The factory in all consists of three already completed buildings and one under construction. The three completed buildings are of similar construction and dimensions namely of reinforced concrete, about 100 metres long x 30/35 metres broad and have four or five storeys.

4. Two of these buildings are at right angles to the road while the third which is a hostel for the workers and families lies behind the two other buildings.

5. The fourth building under construction had not gone beyond the foundation stages when Informant left, it would appear to be a replica of the other two production shops. The foundations are about four metres deep and of reinforced concrete construction.

6. The building lying furthest East was completed and has been in production since end 1950/beginning 1951. About 300 workers working two shifts per day six days per week are employed on production of radio valves. Informant does not know if other radio parts are also produced. He has no knowledge of interior installations or production figures.

7. The second building, immediately West of the above described, was completed in construction in October/November 1952 and is now being fitted with machines etc. No details of these are known to Informant. The second floor of this building contains the laboratory which has already been active for two or three months. Again no details are known.

8. It is said locally and by the workers employed on construction and machine fitting that this section of the factory will produce television apparatus.

9. The use to which the third section now under construction will be put is not known to Informant.

10. [REDACTED] Czech and Russian officers inspecting the factory buildings and hostel.

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ROZNOV

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The only other industry in ROZNOV is a textile factory designated MORAVSKY PLETARNI which employs about 250 workers.

The factory is situated on the Northern side of the river BEOVA and slightly West of the road crossing the river. [REDACTED]

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12. The factory consists of one large brick building, four storey and about 100 metres long x 50 metres wide. Production consists of woollen goods such as gloves, sweaters etc.

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13. CZECH MILITARY INFORMATION

FRENSLAT

A military barracks consisting of two large brick blocks, three storey and about 100 x 80 metres in length and breadth, and two or three small brick built garages, store rooms etc is situated on the Southern edge of FRENSLAT on the Eastern edge of the road ROZNOV/FRENSLAT and about 200 metres South of where the railway line crosses this road.

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14. The barracks are occupied by an AFV unit of the Czech Army numbering about 1,000 personnel. The soldiers are mostly in the age groups 21/25, they wear forage caps without cap bands and black shoulder straps. No other insignia has been observed

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15. three AFV T-34 type. These three AFV appear to be used for training purposes as they are very often to be seen being driven on meadow land South of the barracks and accompanied by groups of soldiers.

16. No other weapons or equipment have been observed

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17. HRANICE

Apart from the above, the only other military personnel stationed in the area are in HRANICE. large groups of Czech Air Force personnel in the town and they are stationed on an airfield built in 1948 and is somewhere South of HRANICE.

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18. GENERAL

HRANICE

NEW CEMENT WORKS

new cement works are under construction in HRANICE. it would be one of the largest plants in Europe and that it is planned to go into initial production sometime in 1953. Construction of the plant was commenced in early 1952.

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19. this plant is near the main railway of HRANICE.

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CHLUMEC

AUTOMOBILE TRAILER FACTORY

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2. The factory is designated KAROSA and is a branch of the KAROSA factory in VYSOKE MYTO near PARDUBICE. [redacted]
3. The factory consists of one workshop, brick built and about 50 metres long x 25 metres wide. It is situated about 50 to 100 metres South of the railway line and on the Western side of the road leading from the railway to the town.

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Approximate map reference point of factory:

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4. The factory employs about 130 employees normally working two shifts per day six days per week.
5. Production consists of automobile trailers which are earmarked for the Czech military. The factory is visited at least twice per week by one or more military officers who inspect the workmanship etc. of the trailers.
6. Until November 1951, two types of trailers were produced a large two axle four wheeled trailer of wooden construction about $3\frac{1}{2}$ metres long x 2 metres wide x 1.60 metres deep. About 40/50 such trailers were produced weekly. This trailer had a single iron bar connecting rod. No details of braking system etc. are known [redacted]
7. Since November 1951, the above type was no longer produced and the whole production consisted of the other type namely a smaller trailer with one axle and two pneumatic tyred wheels. These are about 1.50 meters long x 1.20 metres wide x 45 cms deep. They are built of two or three mm thick metal sheets. Two metal bars, one from each side of the front of the trailer form the connecting rod. Further mechanical details are unknown to Informant. Approximately 100 per week are produced and taken to the nearby railway station where they are loaded on railway trucks. The eventual destination is not known [redacted]
8. All raw materials were delivered from the KAROSA works in VYSOKE MYTO. Wheels, axles and connecting rods were delivered complete and were merely assembled in CHLUMEC.
9. The wood cutting, planing and boring machines necessary for the production of the larger type trailers were removed in December 1951/January 1952 to VYSOKE MYTO.
10. The only other factory in CHLUMEC is situated slightly South of the KAROSA factory at MR T-10 505014 and consists of one large brick building with cement facing. This is a textile factory designated MIRA and employs approximately 150 workers most of which are women. Details of production are not known to Informant.

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[redacted] a radio station, to interfere with and prevent reception of Western radio transmitters was built in Summer 1952 in the wooded area North of the lake ZEHUNSKY RYB South West of CHLUMEC at MR point T-10 43 00. 50X1-HUM

This station is said to be strongly guarded by military personnel. No further details known [redacted]

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